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April 29 declared Dale Earnhardt Day

LANSING – April 29, 2006 has been declared Dale Earnhardt Day in Michigan under a Senate resolution passed this week, said Sen. Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac.

“Dale Earnhardt is a racing legend who is still highly admired and respected and will never be forgotten,” Gilbert said. “He was truly the face of NASCAR and inspired thousands of fans throughout Michigan who watched him race at Michigan International Speedway. We are honoring him on what would’ve been his 55th birthday by encouraging everyone to remember him for his dedication and devotion to the sport of racing.”

NASCAR driver Ralph Dale Earnhardt was born on April 29, 1951 and amassed 76 victories during his career, including seven Winston Cup Championships, four IROC Championships, ten wins at Talladega Superspeedway and 34 wins at Daytona International Speedway.

In his 21 years in racing, he had 63 starts at Michigan International Speedway, winning two NASCAR races and two IROC races.

Earnhardt died in a last-lap crash during the Daytona 500 in 2001.

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